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WORK BEGINS ON NEW I-405 HOV LANE

CULVER CITY – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will begin work Wednesday, November 3, on a 3.6-mile High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV, or carpool) lane project on the northbound and southbound San Diego Freeway (I-405) from the Marina Freeway (Route 90) to the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10).

Initial work involves striping on the northbound I-405 main lines between Route 90 and Santa Monica Boulevard, which eventually will continue on the southbound lanes. The work, which will last approximately two weeks, will be performed mainly at night between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Motorists are advised to expect some congestion during this period.

The \$167 million project, which includes construction of soundwalls in various locations for noise mitigation, is expected to complete fall 2007. It is an extension of the current HOV lane project on I-405 from the Century Freeway (Route 105) to Route 90, expected to complete in 2006. Work will begin in spring 2005 on a southbound I-405 HOV lane from I-10 to Waterford Street. Caltrans is adding contiguous segments of HOV lanes to I-405 with the goal of creating a seamless HOV system. A proven transportation option, HOV facilities in Los Angeles County carried approximately 306,000 vehicles or 696,000 people per day in 2003.

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